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Medical Care of Dependents - 

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1. Reference is made to the Cable coordinated with this office on 22 May 1953, which was in answer to [REDACTED], regarding medical care of dependents at [REDACTED] 25X1A6A

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2. The normal Agency authority for medical care is restricted to care of employees and does not include care of dependents. (Agency [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] see also Memorandum dated 3 April 1953, from Office of General Counsel to Assistant Director (Personnel), "Payment of Medical Expenses of Employees Assigned to Permanent-Duty Stations in Foreign Countries", a copy of which was forwarded to OGA/BN/P on distribution.) However, it is our understanding that the care of dependents at [REDACTED] was authorized by a verbal policy decision that was transmitted to [REDACTED] by a member of the staff of the Medical Office. By inference this policy was reiterated in paragraph 2 of the subject cable.

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3. We also understand, that in accordance with this policy, (1) the medical care of dependents at the post has been used as a recruitment incentive for many of the employees presently stationed at [REDACTED], and (2), along with other factors, any severe change or modification of the policy at this time would seriously affect retention of employees or return of those who might otherwise return to the post for further duty.

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4. Since this policy is a radical departure from normal Agency regulations in the premises, it is the recommendation of this office that it be reduced to writing in accordance with the provisions of [REDACTED]

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